

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1232

By Bass

A RESOLUTION to honor the town of Elkton, Tennessee on the bicentennial celebration of its settlement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected officials of the State of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those noteworthy communities that have contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of this state and its local economies; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Elkton community are most assuredly deserving of special recognition as they celebrate the 200th anniversary of the settlement of their town; and

WHEREAS, the first settlement of Giles County, Elkton has the distinction that it was settled twice; it was originally established on the Elk River shore near the mouth of Richland Creek when settlers William and John Price laid off a town and sold the lots for the town they called Elkville in 1808; and

WHEREAS, the new town soon changed its name to Elkton, and became a focal point for shipping for the next twenty years; and

WHEREAS, in 1808, Brice M. Gardner started the first business in Elkton when he brought a flat-boat load of salt up the Elk River and being unable to sail the boat over the shoals, built a house to store the salt and began the business of selling it; and

WHEREAS, several years later, Dr. William Purnell, Nelson Patterson, and others, began the second settlement of Elkton in an area three miles upstream from Elkton, which became known as Upper Elkton, to distinguish it from the original town, which was called Lower Elkton; and

WHEREAS, due to flooding, people began moving out of Lower Elkton to Upper Elkton, and eventually, Upper Elkton became known simply as Elkton; and

WHEREAS, Elkton has continued to persevere over the years, surviving floods, fires, and other natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the community of Elkton is truly one of the great communities and has been a catalyst for positive change in our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those communities and their citizenry who are commemorating significant milestones in their historic existence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the citizens of the greater Elkton community upon the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the settlement of Elkton and extend our best wishes for continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.